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1. DOD IS MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT AT 1100 WASHINGTON TIME FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

2. IN AN EFFORT TO FURTHER REDUCE THE PRESENCE OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN CAMBODIA, THE U.S. AIR FORCE HAS COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS TO HAVE A CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR OPERATE U.S. GOVERNMENT FURNISHED C-130S IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. AIRLIFT REQUIREMENT FOR CAMBODIA. CIVILIAN CREWS ARE TO COMMENCE FLYING MISSIONS FROM U-TAPAO IN EARLY OCTOBER.
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THE CONTRACT INVOLVES AIRLANDING AND AIRDROPPING SUPPLIES INTO CAMBODIA DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. THE COST OF THE CIVILIAN CREWS CONTRACT, 1.76 MILLION DOLS. WILL BE CHARGED TO THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. U.S. AIR FORCE CREWS HAVE BEEN AVERAGING THREE C-130 FLIGHTS PER DAY IN SUPPORT OF CAMBODIA DURING RECENT WEEKS. A CONTRACT WAS SIGNED WITH BIRD AIR (A WASHINGTON STATE COMPANY). KISSINGER

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